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New Jersey 2005 Apple and Peach Crop Forecasts

- **Apple** production is forecast at 45 million pounds, up 5 million pounds from last year. Growing conditions are rated good. Apples are sizing well. Early varieties are being harvested in the southern portion of the state. Prospects for this year's crop are good.
- **Peach** production is forecast at 32,500 tons, up 2,500 tons from July forecast. Fruit quality and size are rated good to excellent. Growing conditions are generally good. Harvest of peach was one week later than usual and will continue until the end of September.

Apple and Peach Production, August 1 Forecast

Crop	Units	- Total Production -		
		Final 2004	Forecast July 1, 2005	Forecast August 1, 2005
NEW JERSEY				
Apples	Million Pounds	40.0	1/	45.0
Peaches	Tons	32,500	30,000	32,500
UNITED STATES				
Apples	Million Pounds	10,419.9	1/	9,837.1
Peaches	Tons	1,307,110	1,240,350	1,233,850

1/ First apple forecast is August 1.

NEW JERSEY'S CORN CROP DOWN 33 PERCENT

- **Corn** production is forecast at 6.89 million bushels, down 33 percent from last year. Producers expect 113 bushels per acre for the 2005 crop. The state record yield per acre is 143 bushels, set in 2004. The 10-year (1995-2004) state average yield is 101.9 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain, at 61,000 acres, down 11,000 acres from 2004.
- **Soybean** yield is forecast at 35 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels from the previous year. The state record yield per acre is 42 bushels, set in 2004. The 10-year average yield is 31.3 bushels. Production is expected to total 3.54 million bushels, down 18 percent from 2004. Soybean harvested area is expected to total 101,000 acres, 2,000 acres less than 2004.

Acreage, Yield, and Production of Corn and Soybeans, August 1 Forecast

Crop	Acres Planted		Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2004	Forecast 2005	2004	Forecast 2005	2004	Forecast 2005	2004	Forecast 2005
NEW JERSEY								
	----- Thousand -----				- Bushels -		- Thousand Bushels -	
Corn for grain	86	75	72	61	143.0	113.0	10,296	6,893
Soybeans	105	103	103	101	42.0	35.0	4,326	3,535
UNITED STATES								
	----- Thousand -----				- Bushels -		- Million Bushels -	
Corn for grain	80,930	81,592	73,632	74,368	160.4	139.2	11,807.2	10,349.8
Soybeans	75,208	73,103	73,958	72,184	42.5	38.7	3,141.0	2,791.1

Notes: Forecasts in this report are based on conditions around August 1, 2005, and do not reflect changes in conditions since that time. The next crop production forecast will be released September 12, 2005.

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